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Subject: Political activities of certain presidents of District Boards

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 157, 158

Part B for June 1937

SUBJECT.

Political activities of Congress Ministers of Provincial Govts.

WD 0418—GPB—22,500—29-8-36

DEWAN'S MINUTE.

FILE No. 193 .

7356. Certain persons of District Boards
like Gurappa Gowda, (Hassan).
Venkatswamy Chetty, (Kolar).
Guruva Reddy (Bangalore)
an active association Members in the
political agitation against the Govt.
of the movement of a subversive character, are
to show any reason why they should not
be called to desist from such activities, failing
otherwise Govt. will be constrained to remove them
from office.

Secy. Member) 25-4-38

2) 28/4/38.

3) Draft of a letter to the above gentlemen
whose Dts concerned is submitted for consi-
deration.

Thro' Secy.

II member) 28-4-38

4) 28.4

5) 28/10/38

6) After issue, the Chief Secy may kindly collect and put up
papers relating to the political
activities of these gentlemen

I member)

7) 28/4

8) Dewan) 28-4-38

Issued. 28/4

Serial No.

S 2277

a) For perusal of H. members' minute on previous page. 28-4-38

b) C.B. Plan attached to the minutes (The 29.4)

11) The police reports regarding the activities of the several political agitators in the State have been put up in connection with institution of the proceedings against some of them. The reports are, therefore, not readily available.

12) As regards the gentlemen referred to in the Dewan's minute overleaf, it is submitted that the reports received in the Secty do not contain full particulars about their activities. In fact we have very little information about Mr. Venkataswamy Chetty.

13) In the circumstances it is for consideration whether a report may not be obtained from the Inspector General of Police about the political activities of the three individuals in question.

14) Draft letter is put up for approval or other orders.

15) (The 7/5

No. 3483/CB dated 2-5-1938. To the I.G.P. requesting him to send up a report in detail about the activities of the individuals referred to above.

CHIEF SECRETARY. 2 MAY 1938 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Vs. 30/4

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

WD 0284—GPB—30,000—13-9-37

3. Political activities of certain District Board Presidents.
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File No. of 193 | General and Revenue Secretariat

OFFICE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 11 MAY 1938 No. 8529

Letter No. C. 9/37-38 dated 30.4.1938 from Mr. H.R. Guruva Reddy requesting that he may be intimated of the charges against him calling for an action of Govt. under Section 23(1) of the District Boards Act-

(6) Mr. Chief Secretary -
II Member.
Sd. P.H-R.
2.5.38

(7) Sd. H.V.R.
2.5.38

(8) Sd. N.M.
2.5.38.

Letter No. SB 578/37-38 dated 10.5.1938 from the Inspector General of Police furnishing particulars in respect of the political activities of Messrs Guruva Reddy, Gundappa Gupta and Venkata Rami Chetty.

(9) Submitted for perusal and orders.
(Ref. Second Member's minute dated 28.4.1938.)

VS 10/5/1938

L.S.G. Secy

Sus till 18/5

(10) 11.5.38

II Member)

(11) May be put up a week hence
nil
12/5/38

Submitted for perusal. 12/5

11/5

Political Activities of certain Presidents of DC Boards

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Serial No.

Subd with reference to para 21 Page

VS
18/5/1938
Dom

D.S.G
Secy)

SECY. LOCAL SELF GOVT.
18 MAY 1938
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

This file was linked to the file of the L.S.G Branch & has been returned to CS to-day. A copy of the G.O. dated 2-6-38 passed in that file is herewith put up for kind perusal. (Flag A)

Subd for orders as to whether any further action is necy on the file may be received.

3/6/38 D.S.G. Secy)

May be received

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G.O. No L(9)91-87
LB 22-37-40
Dated 2.6.38

SECY. LOCAL SELF GOVT.
4 JUN 1938
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

WD 0284—GPB—30

H. R. GURUV REDDY, B.A.,LL.B.,
INAMDAR, ADVOCATE,
PRESIDENT DIST. BOARD & L. E. A.
KAGGADASAM ESTATE.

Trans. for perusal & Ref.

DIP 6

DEWAN'S OFFICE CHAMBERS:
41-42 GANDHI NAGAR
BANGALORE CITY.

No. 1435/ Dated 16-8-1938

No 18-8-38 M 18/8

(Chief Sec)

Sir,

In continuation of my personal talk with you yesterday, I would like to inform that there seems to be some misunderstanding about me.

I have a very high openion of Sir Mirza and I do not think I have ever given room to discredit that. I expected to do much for my District as president of the Dist. Board with his guidance and kind suppo I had it During 1936-37. Last year after my joining the Congress I am, per haps, unfortunately mistaken. I assure the Govt. also knows that I wa never a rabid politician. I admit I have worked as a true Congressite with out consciously injuring anyone. So far I have delivered speeches onli in 3 places viz, at Melekote and Channapatna on the constitution of the R.A and L.C. and at Bangalore city recently on the Chairman Day appealing for fun Here are not matters on which Govt would mistake me.

But earlier in the flag satyagraha at Bangalore the workers had my moral support though I did not break the law. Again, the resolutions of the Dist. Board about the police opening fire in Banappa Park and at Vidu raswatha the head of the administration must have felt annoyed. Thes resolutions are the result of the political tension in the country at that time and due to the unanimous openion of the House. on the date of the latter resolution the incident of Viduraswatha was fresh and I was myself in a disturbed condition since Govt had just written me that I would b removed from Office.

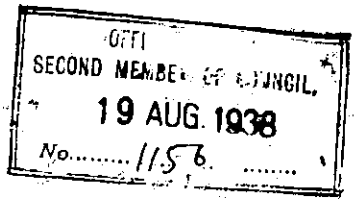
In an elected body like the Dist. Board and particularly when there is no differance of openion or opposition to the resolutions and the house gives its unanimous consent you could imagine my posit I could not commit a political-Suicide

In any event, let me not be penalised for honest differences of openion. I live to learn is my motto. If these acts of mine have troubled the heart of the Dewan Saheb, as they should have, I am really sorry for them.

I want to see that my District is benefitted to the maximum during my term of office and for that I request you to kindly place these facts before the Dewan Saheb and move him to take me with him in his tours in the District, as before, give me his valuable instructions, guidance and support. Let me not be mistaken am not cooperating with the Govt.

I beg to remain
Sir
yours sincerely

To,
Charles Noronah Esq M.A
Private Secretary to the Dewan
Bangalore



For perusal.

2nd member
1st member

19.8.38

1947
22/8

Submitted for perusal
Seen (H.S.G.)

19/8/38

22/8

22/8 file with previous papers

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Show Cause

It has come to the notice of Govt that you are actively ~~associating~~ subscribing yourself in political agitation against Govt and taking part in activities which are primarily of a subversive character. I am to inform you that if you do not desist from such activities, Govt will be constrained to take action, under section 23(1) of the D.P. Act, to remove you from the limits of Presidency of ... the Bombay

4 28-4-1938

To

No 60/258. (1) H.B.Gundappa Gowda, Esq.,B.A.,B.L.,
President, District Board, Hassan.

No 59/259 (2) H.R.Guruv Reddy, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
President, District Board,
B a n g a l o r e.

No 61/259. (3) V.Venkatasami Chetty, Esq.,
President, District Board, Kolar.

Through

The Deputy Commissioner.....

S i r,

It has come to the notice of Government that you are actively interesting yourself in political agitation against Government and taking part in activities ~~which are generally~~ of a subversive character. I am to inform you that if you do not desist from such activities, Government will be constrained to take action under the proviso to Section 23 (1) of the District Boards Act, to remove you from the Office of President of the Hassan / the Bangalore / the Kolar District Board.

I have etc.,

28-4-38

Secy.to Govt.,
L.S.G. Dept.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
DISTRICT BOARD, BANGALORE.

No. C9/37-38. Dated, Bangalore, 29/30th Apr 1938.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter No. 59/L.S.G. dated 27th April 1938 this morning and I fail to see what you mean by "political agitation" and "subversive character" therein.

While I am glad to inform you that I am a staunch Congress Worker, I should be equally glad to know what are the specific charges against me calling for an action of Government under Section 23 (1) of the District Board Regulation.

OFFICE SECOND MEMBER COUNCIL, 2 MAY 1938 No. 8230

Yours sincerely,

To

P. H. Krishna Rao, Esqr, B. A., B. L.,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self Government Department,
BANGALORE, City.

2-5-38

Through Secy
II member

Chief Secretary
with compliments

CHIEF SECRETARY 3 MAY 1938 GOVT. OF MYSORE

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SUBJECT

Section CS

File No. 93-37

Serial No. 45

Diary No. of letter replied to:

No. 3483/CS

Confidential

To

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Date of issue 4.5.38

Signed by Hon. H.V. Ramaswamy

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the

1. Mr. H.B. Gundappa Gowda, President, Dist B.. , Hassan.
2. " H.R. Guruv Reddy, President, Dist. BP., Bangalore,
3. " V. Venkata Sami chetty, President, Dist BP. Kolar

} marginally noted three gentlemen are actively interesting themselves in political agitation against Govt and taking part in activities of a subversive character.

I am desired to request you to be so good as to favour Govt, at a very early date, a report in detail about their political activities of these gentlemen.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. Hamilton, Esq C.I.E.

Inspr Genl of Police in Mysore.

List of enclosures

Copied by

Examined by

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2nd May 1938

Confidential. 3483/C3 93-37-B7

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the marginally noted three gentlemen are actively interesting themselves in political agitation against Government and taking part in activities of a subversive character.

1. Mr. H.B. Gundappa Gowda, President, District Board Hassan.
2. " H.R. Guruv Reddy, President, District Board, Bangalore.
3. " V. Venkatasami Chetty, President, District Board Kolar.

I am desired to request you to be so good as to favour Government, at a very early date, a report in detail about their political activities.

Yours sincerely,

F. A. Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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D.O. No. Sis 578/37-8 cover 3

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CB 93-37-158

F. A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police,
In Mysore.

BANGALORE
10th May 1938.

Dear Mr.Ramasvami,-

I am sending herewith for the information of the Government particulars in respect of the political activities of the marginally noted individuals as requested in your confidential D.O.letter No.3483/CB dated 2nd instant.

1. Mr.Guruva Reddy,
2. " H.B.Gundappa Gowda,
3. " V.Venktaswami Chetty.

Yours sincerely,

CB ITM. 10/5

H.V.Ramasvami,Esq.,M.A.,B.L.,
Offg.Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Mr.H.R.Guruva Reddy:- Presided over a Conference arranged by the Executive Committee of the Mysore States People's Federation, held in Bangalore, wherein the members discussed and decided to agitate for the termination of the office of the Dewan after a fixed period and to reduce the revenue taxes by 12 percent. From about the middle of last year he is often taking active part in congress movement and indirectly under the guise of his official tour as - District Board President, went on delivering speeches and giving instructions to the members of the congress regarding the establishment of Responsible Government, and also in his speeches, he used to condemn the policy of the Government regarding the passing of prohibitory orders.

He also attended the meetings of the Mass Awakeners' Union, and finally became a member of the Civil Liberties Union, Bangalore. Most of the members of this latter association are Socialists who have a determined attitude of subversive activities in the State.

It is also learnt that in the election for the Legislative Council in Bangalore, he appears to have got the signatures of fictitious persons. Subsequently when it came to light Belur Srinivasa Iyengar decided to take action against him. But in the meanwhile a meeting was convened wherein to have a healthy atmosphere among the members, they effected a compromise and asked Mr.Guruva Reddy to resign. Accordingly he sent up his resignation.

Mr.V.Venkatasami Chetti:- Before the amalgamation of the Mysore State Peoples' Federation with the Mysore Congress party, he was a prominent member of the Peoples Federation and participated in many of its discussions. Ever since the fusion, he is taking a prominent part in the congress activities. At a meeting held at Marimallappa's High School, Mysore, to chalk out a programme of the congress work for the year, he was elected to carry on propaganda work, and to work as Mass Awakaner for Kolar District. Ever since he has presided over meetings and delivered speeches on the congress creed and advocated boycott of Reforms Committee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

READ:

Copy of the Proceedings of the 4th Ordinary meeting of the Bangalore District Board, held on the 29th April 1938, forwarded by the President, District Board, through the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, with his letter dated 1st June 1938.

ORDER NO. L 9393-8/L B 22-37-40.

Dated, Bangalore, the 1st June 1938.

In the minutes of the fourth Ordinary meeting of the Bangalore District Board, held on the 29th April 1938, the following resolutions moved by the President Mr. Guruv Redd, are stated to have been carried unanimously.

"This Board records its profound grief and sorrow for the tragic incident occasioned by the police opening fire recently at Vidurakatha on the innocent gathering and conveys its sympathy to the bereaved families and to the injured.

"The Board records its protest at the imprisonment of Mr. V. Venkatappa, a Member and Ex-President of the Board. And further it protests at the gagging of 'Vivekavardhaka', 'Nava Jeevana' and 'Tai Nadu', the three popular Kannada Daily Newspapers of the State."

"Nor the above reasons the business of this meeting shall stand adjourned to another day."

2. It is ascertained from the official members of the Board that the resolutions were not put to vote and did not receive their support. It is, therefore, incorrect to say that the resolutions were passed unanimously.

3. On a previous occasion, when the District Board of Bangalore passed resolutions criticising the policy of Government and the action of the police, the attention of the President, [illegible], Bangalore, was specifically drawn in letter

No.L.5205/L.S.28-37-16 dated 9th December 1937 to the impropriety of admitting and passing resolutions unconnected with the District Board administration.

The rules for the conduct of business at the meetings of District Boards have since been amended, so as to make it clear that the resolutions of a District Board should not contain criticism of the action or policy of Government, or of any public authority not subject to the control of the District Board.

4. Government regret to observe that, on the present occasion, the President himself moved the resolutions (reproduced in para 1) in defiance of the rule and without regard to the objection taken by Government to such procedure in the past. Government are therefore constrained to direct that the resolutions be expunged from the proceedings of the Board as contravening the rule referred to above.

5. Government also observe that there were more than ninety subjects on the agenda for the meeting, some of them important and urgent. It is regrettable that the meeting should have been adjourned without transacting any business. If any travelling allowance has been paid to the members for attending the meeting, the expenditure must be regarded as a waste of public funds.

Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department

To

The President, District Board, Bangalore, through the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.
The Press Table.

C/12.

Confidential

Collection No: 86/37-38

OB. 71-37-11 & 15

P 25

B" Sept 1938

Subject: Letter from Mr. B.N. Gupta regarding permission to visit Davangere on the 22nd Sept 1938 to attend the Civil Suit in connection with a Civil Suit.

Confidential

Collection No. 8/6 N 37-38

~~VOL. II.~~

General and Revenue
Secretariat.

Council Section.

CS 71-37-1/201
B Sept 1938.

SUBJECT

Letter from Mr B. N. Gupta requesting permission to visit Dowagiac on the 22nd Sept 1938 to attend the Court in connection with a civil suit.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

CS 71-37-1/206 (C.C. Nos 24 & 37-38)
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CS 71-37-7/410 (C.C. Nos 7 & 9 37-38)

LATER REFERENCES.

CS 71-37-6/120 (Empty)

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General and Revenue Secretariat | File No. | of 193 | [App. F. III–2

Serial No.

Letter dated Hubli, September 1938 from Mr. B.N. Gupta.

Mr B.N. Gupta says that a former agent of his by name M. Kuruvatti has filed a suit against him for damages and that the suit is posted for hearing on the 22nd September. Though his letter does not give any indication as to the nature of the suit etc, it is seen from the Chitaldrug Deputy Commissioner's letter received with another connected with Mr Kuruvatti (former agent of Prajamata) has filed a Civil Suit in the Davangere Munsiff's Court for damages for a sum of Rs 102-8-0. Mr Gupta is defended by a local lawyer.

In his present letter Mr. Gupta prays for permission to attend the Court on the day of hearing. He says that his absence would enable the Plaintiff to get a decree against him. Mr. Gupta is prepared to give an undertaking that he will not use the occasion for any political purpose.

Submitted for orders.

[The case is a "Civil" one and it is for consideration whether his personal appearance is absolutely necessary, or whether his Counsel cannot represent his interests]

V.S. 13/9 CJP

MMS 14.9.38

(Secretary) Hon'ble Addl. Secy Law

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

Cs 71-37-7 "H"

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File No. of 193

General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

It appears from the enquiries letter to the pets that the suit is posted for evidence & pets presence is required for examining himself. Permission may be given for a day for appearing in Court on 22nd Sept on the condition that he will not use the occasion for any political purpose. Dr. Mayer may be informed of the Conditional permission, if granted. Cc 14/9/38

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(1st member) MK 14/9

It is better not to give such permission as it will be an inconvenient precedent. Deportation implies such things & if we give to one case, we may have similar requests of other cases. He can apply for Commission of Rogatory

14/9

MK 14/9

Draft reply put up.

VS 15/9

(Chief) Cc Legs (Law) Cc 15/9

Draft for perusal & orders if the second para may remain

(1st member) 15/9 MK 15/9 MK 15/9

(Issued)

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General and Revenue Secretariat | File No. of 193 | [App. F. III–2

Serial No.

From Mr. B. N. Gupta

Letter d. 19.9.38

Says that he has decided to attend the Court at Davangere to safeguard his civil interests, in spite of the Govt. order refusing him permission

Submitted for orders.

Copy of the letter may be sent to the I.G.P. & the D.C. for necessary action.

CJ 20/9/38

1st Question

MS 20/9

JP 22/9

(The case is for hearing on 23.9.38).

Drafts submitted

CJ 20/9

Appd.

MS 20/9

To the D.C. Chitaldroog No. 923 d. 20.9.38

I.G. of Police 924 d. 20.9.38

Sends a copy of letter d. 19.9.38 from Mr. Gupta for necessary action.

C.C. 21.37

C.C. 22.37

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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PRAJAMATA

THE FOREMOST KANARESE WEEKLY

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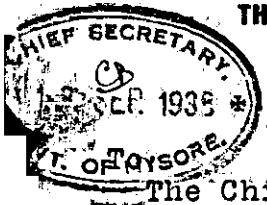

Hubli 12th Sept. 193 8.

The Chief Secretary,
to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

Taking advantage of my inability to come within the State of Mysore, a former Agent of mine by name Mr. Kuruvathi has filed a suit against me, for damages for having changed the Agency at Davanagere. The suit is posted for hearing on the 22nd of this month and I herewith enclose the letter of my Advocate for your perusal.

My absence will enable the plaintiff to get a decree against me for no fault of mine. So I have decided to attend the case, and defend myself.

Therefore I beg of you to give me permission to attend the Court on that day.

I hereby give you an undertaking that I will not use the occassion for any political purpose.

As the matter is very urgent, I crave your permission by return of post.

Yours faithfully,

BN. Gupta

BNG/EJC

Proprietor.

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D. VEERA SETTY, B.A., L.L.B.
ADVOCATE.

ಚಾಮರಾಜಪೇಟೆ,
ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ತಾ|| 10. 9. 38

Dear Mr Gupta

O.S. 225/37-38 filed by Mr. B. S. Kuruvalli against you is find Re adjurn to 22nd of this month. The Plaintiff will begin his case and close it after examining himself. You may not examine any witnesses at all. After he closes his case, we have to begin our defence and close it on that day alone. Hence your presence is necessary. No doubt, the case depends upon the Proof of the plaints allegations. If you prove them, he will get decree in his favour. If not, no decree.

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874/CB.71-37-12

To

16/9/38

B. N. Gupta, Esqr.,
Proprietor "Prajamata",
Hubli.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter, dated the 12th Septr. 1938, requesting that you may be permitted to visit Davangere on the 22nd inst. to enable you to attend the Court in connection with a civil suit posted for hearing on that day, I am desired to say that it is regretted that the permission asked for cannot be given.

It is open to you to apply for examination by commission if necessary ~~or to make any other arrangements you may deem fit (not needing your personal attendance) for pressing your case.~~

For orders - if this need be communicated.
cpa
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Yours faithfully,

Chief Secy.

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875-6/CB
16/9/38

Copies to the I. G. P.
" Dt. Magistrate, Chitaldrug.

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16th September 8

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter, dated the 12th Septr. 1938, requesting that you may be permitted to visit Davangere on the 22nd instant to enable you to attend the Court in connection with a civil suit posted for hearing on that day, I am desired to say that it is regretted that the permission asked for cannot be given.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) B.T.Kesavaiengar,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

B. N. Gupta, Esqr.,
Proprietor, "Prajamata",
Hubli.

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Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments,
(i) to the I. G. P.
(ii) to the Dist. Magistrate, Chitaldrug.

Chief Secretary to Govt.

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PRAJAMATA

THE FOREMOST KANARESE WEEKLY

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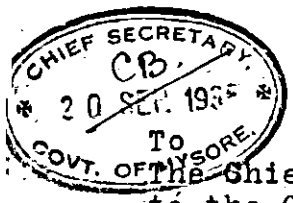

Hubli 19th Sept. 193 8.

To
The Chief Secretary,
to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your D.O. No.874/C.B.71-37-12 dated 16th September 1938 I am sorry that the Government were not pleased to accede to my request.

I beg to inform them that in spite of their refusal, I have decided to attend the Court on that day to safe-gaurd my Civil interests.

I have also written to-day to Sardar Vallbhbhai Patel and Mahatma Gandhi of my decision to attend Court.

I would like to make it clear in this connection that I am attending Court not in any spirit of defiance of the Government order but to safe-gaurd my own Civil inter--ests. If I allow this case to go undefended many of my other Agents from whom I have to get large amount, would, not only evade pay--ment, but coerce me with frivilous cases like this.

I still hope that the Government in their generosity would do justice to me by withdrawing the deportation order and allow me to attend the Court on that day and do

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PRAJAMATA

THE FOREMOST KANARESE WEEKLY

Hubli 193

my normal work.

Yours faithfully,

B.N. Gupta.

D. O. No. 923/CB 31-37

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
Dated Bangalore, 20th September 193 8.

Urgent & Confidential.

In continuation of this Office Memo No. 875-6/C.B. dated 16th September 1938, I am desired to forward herewith, for favour of necessary action, a copy of a letter since received from Mr. B. N. Gupta stating that he has decided to attend the Court at Davangere on the 22nd inst. in spite of the Government Order refusing him permission to do so.

To

M. Navaneetham Naidu, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate,
Chitaldrug District.

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Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, B. A.,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, 20th September 1938.

D.O. No. 924/CB 71-37-15

Urgent & Confidential.

In continuation of this Office Memo No. 875-6/C.B. dated 16th September 1938, I am desired to forward herewith, for favour of necessary action, a copy of a letter since received from Mr. B. N. Gupta stating that he has decided to attend the Court at Davangere on the 22nd inst. in spite of the Government Order refusing him permission to do so.

A copy of this has been sent to the District Magistrate, Chitaldrug, also.

To

F. A. Hamilton, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Mr. M. NAVANEETHAM NAIDU, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner & Dist. Magte

D. O. C.C.5/38-39
Encl.

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14) & Dist. Magte

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT,

Dated Chitaldrug, 22nd September 1938

CONFIDENTIAL

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
SEP 25 1938
No. 3253

Subject:- Re: Political Deportee Mr. B.N. Gupta (now Proprietor, Prajamatha, Hubli): His visit to Davangere on the 22nd instant in spite of orders of Government.

Dear Sir,

With reference to ~~your~~ (1) your confidential Memo NO. 875-6/C.B. dated 16th instant and (2) your confidential D.O., letter NO. 923/C.B.71-37 dated 20th instant, on the above subject, I beg to submit this report, for the information of Government.

I gave special instructions in the matter to the District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug, and the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Davangere, and we had arranged a close police watch being kept for the purpose at Davangere and also at Harihar, (particularly from the Hubli side). The District Superintendent of Police whom I had sent to Davangere, this morning, with personal instructions as to the action to be taken in this connection (as per instructions of Government conveyed in Chief Secretary's confidential D.O., letter NO. 232/C.B.71-37-10 dated 22nd July 1938), has returned just now and reported the details to me. Mr. Gupta arrived at Davangere, this day, at 1-55 P.M., by the passenger train coming from Hubli. Necessary action was immediately taken, as per instructions. He was promptly arrested just outside the Railway Station at Davangere, and was then removed to Chitaldrug in the motor car. At Chitaldrug, he was duly handed-over at

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about 4-45 P.M., to the District Lock-Up for detention. A copy of the letter NO. S.B.238/37-38 dated 22nd September 1938, received from the District Superintendent of Police in the matter is also enclosed.

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SECOND MEMBER'S OFFICIAL
27 SEPT. 1938
No. 2236

An express telegram as noted in the margin has also been sent to your address at 5 P.M.

"Chisec, Bangalore"
Deportee Gupta arrested Davangere this afternoon kept in detention Chitaldrug District Lock-up Dismag"

Mr. B.N. Gupta is accordingly kept now in detention in the District Lock-up, Chitaldrug. I have given necessary instructions and there is no trouble. A close watch is however kept. As per instructions in this behalf, I shall have him deported again after a couple of days (i.e., on the 24th or on the 25th instant) with a warning that if he should come back once again into the State, he will be detained in Jail indefinitely.

I shall submit a further report in the matter.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Varaneetha

B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

22/9/38.

for perusal.

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Letter NO. S.B.238/37-38 dated 22nd September 1938 from the District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug, to the District Magistrate, Chitaldrug District, Chitaldrug.

With reference to your Memo NO. C.C.5/38-39 dated 17th September 1938 regarding the action to be taken against Mr. B.N. Gupta, Proprietor, Prajamath, Hubli, I have the honor to report that Mr. B.N. Gupta arrived at Davangere this day by the passenger train arriving from Hubli at 1-55 P.M., and he was immediately arrested there just outside the Railway Station and then was promptly removed to Chitaldrug in a Motor Car, and handed-over at Chitaldrug to the District Lock-up Officer for detention (as per instructions of Government in Chief Secretary's D.O., letter NO. 232-C.B.71-37-10 dated, Bangalore, 22nd July 1938, communicated in your Memo NO. C.C.5/38-39 dated 25th July 1938).

I request your instructions in the matter.

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DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
CHITALDRUG DIST.

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Mr. M. NAVANEETHAM NAIDU, B.A., B.L.
Deputy Commissioner. & Dist. Magistrate.

D. O. No. C.C.5/38-39

Confidential

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
SEP 25 1938
No. 3257

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER & Dist Magistrate.
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Dated Chitaldrug, 23rd September 1938.

Subject:- Re- Political Deportee, Mr. B.N. Gupta.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my ~~xxxx~~ confidential D.O. letter No. C.C.5/38-39 of yesterday, regarding the above subject, I beg to submit this further report for the information of Government.

Mr. B.N. Gupta (Political Deportee) who is kept in detention in the District Lock-up, Chitaldrug, as reported yesterday, is properly looked after and there is no trouble. During my inspection this morning with the District Lock-up Officer, I saw him and I have made necessary arrangements ~~xx~~ as to his food etc. He is kept separately in a ward and he has been given all the necessary conveniences.

He wanted me to allow him fecilities to see Mr. S. Nijalingappa, Advocate* (and M.L.C.) Chitaldrug, as his legal adviser, and to instruct him to move the High Court in the matter of the order of Government refusing ~~xx~~ him permission to visit Davangere, and in the ~~xxx~~ matter of his arrest and detention. I considered his request. As he is not an under-trial ~~xxx~~ or a convict prisoner, but only a Political Deportee just detained for his violation and to be deported again after some detention, I found that his request was not covered by any provision in the rules, and further that it would not be proper or desirable in the circumstances of the case to allow it. So, I told him that it could not be allowed.

* He is also the President of the Dist. Congress Committee.

He said that he may not be detained long and that he would go back to Hubli by train, or to Davangere by bus and thence to Hubli by train.

He has (as per instructions in this behalf conveyed in Chief Secretary's Confidential D.O. letter No.232/C.B.71-37-10 dated 22nd ~~xxxxxx~~ July 1938) to be deported again after a couple of days' detention in the District Lock-up, with a warning that if he should

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should come back once again into the State he will be detained in Jail indefinitely. Accordingly, I have made necessary arrangements to have him deported from the District Lock-up, early tomorrow morning across the Hubli border(beyond Harihar), with that warning. I have communicated that warning to him, personally in the District Lock-up to-day and he understood it perfectly and even said so.

Early tomorrow morning, he will be sent away from the District Lock-up, in a motor car, in charge of the Chitaldrug Police Inspector, across the Harihar border, and left at Ranebennur(about 12 miles beyond Harihar), with that strict warning.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Navaneetham
23/9/38

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
27 SEPT. 1938
No. 2237

B. T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
26 SEPT. 1938
No. 2093

For perusal,
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2nd Member

MRS 26/9

MJ 28/9/38

MRS 27/9

Confidential

Mr. M. NAVANEETHAM NAIDU, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner. & Dist Magistrate.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
and District Magistrate.
CHITALDRUG-DISTRICT.
(camp) Davangere,
Dated Chitaldrug 24th September 1938.

D. O. No. C. C. 5/38-39

DEWAN'S OFFICE
28 SEPT. 1938
No. 2145

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
SEP 27 1938
No.

Subject:- Re- Political Deportee Mr. B.N.Gupta.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my confidential D.O.letter No.C.C. 5/38-39 of yesterday regarding the above subject, I write to state that as stated therein, Mr.B.N.Gupta was taken out from the Chitaldrug District Lock-up ~~in a motor car~~ early this morning, at 5, and sent in a motor car, across the Harihar border, in charge of the Police Inspector, Chitaldrug, with special instructions, to leave him at Ranibennur(in the adjoining Dharwar District, Bombay Presidency)i.e. 12 miles ~~fxxm~~ beyond Harihar. A telegram from the said ~~xffixxx~~ Police Inspector from Ranibennur has also been received here(at 9-30 this morning)-that Mr.Gupta was left at Ranibennur at 8 A.M. and that he (Mr. Gupta) boarded a bus towards Hubli at 8-30 A.M.

SECOND MEMBER
29 SEPT. 1938
No. 2251

I came to Davangere this afternoon, as per my programme for the hearing of Income-Tax cases etc.) The Chitaldrug Police Inspector who had returned from Ranibennur and who was waiting for me here, met me and confirmed the telegram and said that Mr.Gupta gave no trouble on the way. I gather, however from the Police Inspector, that Mr.Gupta, while leaving our border said that he would come again into the State, but not perhaps to this District.

Anyway, I have given special instructions to the Police of this District to keep a close watch in this respect.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Navaneetham

For perusal.

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To 26/9/38

B. T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

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Mr. M.Navaneetham Naidu, B.A.,B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner
and District Magistrate,
Chitaldrug District.
D. O. No: C.C. 5/38-39
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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
and District Magistrate,
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.
(Camp) Mysore,
Dated, Chitaldrug, 2nd October 1938

6 OCT 1938
No. 23/B.

Recd by post 4/10/38

Subject:- Re- Political Deportee Mr. B.N. Gupta.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my confidential D.O.letter No. C.C. 5/38-39 dated 24th September 1938 regarding the above-subject, I write to state that the suit pending against Mr. B.N.Gupta in the Munsiff's Court at Davangere, it is reported stands adjourned to 11th October 1938 for defence and that nothing as yet is known about Mr.B.N.Gupta's probable revisit or otherwise.

Special instructions have however been given to the Police in the District to keep a close-watch in this respect.

A copy of letter No.S.B.238/37-38 dated 30th September 1938 received from the District Superintendent of Police Chitaldrug about this is also sent herewith for the information of Government.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Navaneetham
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Sd.

(1st Member)

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To

B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Old Indian Guests' Quarters,
(camp) Mysore.

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Letter No.S.B.238/37-38 dated 30th September 1938, from the District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug, to the District Magistrate, Chitaldrug District.

With reference to your memo No.C.C.5/38-39 dated, Camp, Davangere, 24th September 1938 forwarding a copy of your letter in even No and date addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, about the deportation of Mr.B.N. Gupta across the Mysore border at Harihar and leaving him at Kanibennur etc., and directing that I may issue special instructions to the Police in this District for keeping a close watch over any probable revisits of Mr.Gupta into this State, which according to the Police Inspector, Chitaldrug, was the intention declared by Mr.Gupta on his way to Kanibennur, I have the honour to state that instructions have been issued by me to the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Davangere, and all the Police Inspectors in the District in my S.B.No.238/37-38 dated 26th September 1938 to be alert and be on the lookout for the person and to take action for indefinite detention on his revisit into this District in the light of the instructions contsined in D.O. letter No.232/C.B.71-37-10 dated 27th July 1938 of the Chief Secretary to Government communicated in your memo No.C.C.5/38-39 dated 25th July 1938.

In reply to my letter of instructions noted above, the Polic Inspector, Davangere, has now reported through the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Davangere, that the suit pending against Mr.Gupta in the Munsiff's Coutt at Davangere, stands adjourned to 11-10-38 for defence and nothing, as yet, is reporte about Mr.Gupta's probable revisit or otherwise.

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District Magistrate

Chitaldrug District.

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Mr. M. NAVANEETHAM NAIDU, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner, & District Magistrate

D. O. No. C.C. 5/38-39
Enclosure-one

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, & District Magistrate,
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Dated Chitaldrug, 12th October 1938.

CONFIDENTIAL

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST L[illegible]ER OF COUNCIL
OCT 13 1938
No 3561

Dear Sir,

Subject:- Re: Political Deportee
Mr. B.N. Gupta.

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In continuation of my confidential D.O., letter NO.C.C.5 of 1938-39(Camp, Mysore) dated 2nd October 1938, re: the above subject, I write to state that Mr. B. N. Gupta, did not come to Davangere, on the 11th instant to which date the Civil Case pending against him in Davangere, Munsiff's Court, had been posted. Special Police arrangements had, however, been made at Davangere and also at Harihar, against his revisiting Davangere.

MS 13-10-38

It is ascertained that the Civil case in the Munsiff's Court is posted to 17th instant, for the defence evidence of the local witnesses, and that Mr. Gupta's counsel requested the Court to order the examination of ~~the Sa~~ Mr. Gupta on commission at Hubli.

MS 14/10

Though, his revisit does not seem to be likely, special instructions have, however, been given to the Police in the District, to continue to keep a close watch in this respect.

A copy of letter NO. S.B.233/37-38 dated 12th October 1938, received from the District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug, about this, is also sent herewith for the information of Government.

Bkt Tr. complete

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Navaneetham
12/10/38

Rajasevaprasaktha
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Letter NO. S.B.238/37-38 dated 12th October 1938 from the District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug, to the Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Chitaldrug District, Chitaldrug.

With reference to your Memo NO.C.C.5/38-39 dated, Camp, Mysore, 2nd October 1938 forwarding for information and needful copy of your D.O. letter C.C.5/38-39 dated 2nd October 1938 to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore intimating that the suit pending against Mr. B.N. Gupta in the Munsiff's Court, Davangere stood adjourned to 11th October 1938 for defence and issuing instructions to the Police in this District to keep a close watch in this respect, I have the honor to state that I had issued instructions in S.B.238/37-38 dated 30th September 1938, to the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Davangere, and the Police Inspectors in this District to be vigilent and be on the look out for the deportee and to take action for his indefinite detention on his revisit into this District in the light of instructions contained in D.O., letter NO. 232/C.B.71-37-10 dated 27th July 1938 of the Chief Secretary to Government communicated in your Memo NO.C.C.5/38-39 dated 25th July 1938. The instructions were reiterated in S.B. 238/37-38 dated 5th October 1938 on receipt of your memo under reply.

2. Special Police arrangements were made at Davangere and at Harihar to take action against Mr. Gupta in the event of his revisit to attend the court at Davangere on 11-10-1938 but he did not arrive at Davangere by any of the trains coming from Hubli or by any other conveyance. The hearing of the suit before the Munsiff, Davangere, was over by 1-45 P.M., and it was posted to 17-10-38 for evidence of the local witnesses on behalf of the defence. Mr. G. Veerasetty, Counsel for Mr. Gupta, is reported to have requested the court to order the examination of Mr. Gupta on commission at Hubli. This fact

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fact may, perhaps, be construed as improbabilising the revisit of Mr. Gupta into this District in the near future but I may state that I have, however, instructed all the Police Inspectors and the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Davangere, not to relax their vigilence in this matter.

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DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

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Mr. M. NAVANEETHAM NAIDU, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner. & Dist Magk

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
and District Magistrate
CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

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Dated Chitaldrug, 21st October 1938

DEWAN'S OFFICE
25 OCT. 1938
No. 2733

SECOND SECRETARIAT
26 OCT. 1938
No. 3105

Dear Sir,

Subject:- Re- Political Deportee Mr.B.N.Gupta

For perusal.
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In continuation of my confidential D.O.letter No.C.C.5/38-39 dated 12th October 1938 re- the above subject, I write to state that it is reported by the District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug that Mr.B.N.Gupta did not visit Davangere on 17-10-38 in connection with his civil case before the Munsiff at Davangere and that he will be examined on commission at Hubli on 20-10-38.

MS 25-10-38

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A copy of letter No.S.B.238/37-38 dated 20th October 1938 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug in the matter is also enclosed for the information of Government.

Nil
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MS 27/10

With best regards,

Please place on file
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Yours sincerely,

Navaneetham

21/10/38

To

B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Old Public Offices, Bangalore.

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Letter No.S.B.238/37-38 dated 20th October 1938 from the District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug, to the District Magistrate, Chitaldrug.

In continuation of my last letter addressed to you in S.B.No.238/37-38 dated 12-10-38 I have the honour to intimate that a report has been received from Davangere Police that Mr.B.N.Gupta did not attend visit Davangere on 17-10-38 in connection with the civil case before the Munsiff at Davangere and that he will be examined on commission at Hubli on 20-10-38.

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District Magistrate
Chitaldrug District.